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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:53 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Duke Energy Rate Increase -

Dear Mr. Keith R. Shambaugh,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Keith Shambaugh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:41 PM
To: PSC_Commissioner.Ervin <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Duke Energy Rate Increase -

Dear Commissioner Ervin -

My name is Keith Shambaugh from Spartanburg, South Carolina. I plan on attending the local meeting tomorrow night (Tuesday{03/12/19}) but I also wanted to drop you an email regarding the proposed Duke Energy fixed rate increase.

Probably not surprising, I am AGAINST the fixed rate increase as I receive no goods and services for the money I am being charged. I already pay for what I use - why am I being asked to give MORE money to an already profitable business? I am actually a Duke Energy stock holder thus I am well-aware that they made a profit in 2018 of roughly \$2.7 BILLION DOLLARS!!

Consumers have been asked to make their house more energy efficient via new HVAC systems, energy-star appliances, more insulation, better windows, etc. So it seems that all the savings we have from making these energy savings investments should now be handed over to Duke Energy because they are not making as much money??

Low-usage customers are hit the hardest. Customers who use less energy than average will experience the greatest percentage jump in their electric bills when the fixed charge is raised.

Fixed charges disproportionately impact low-income customers. In nearly every state, low-income customers consume less electricity than other residential customers, on average. Because fixed charges tend to increase bills for low-usage customers while decreasing them for high-use customers, fixed charges raise bills most for those who can least afford the increase.

Reduced incentives for energy efficiency can raise costs for all consumers. Increasing the flat charge portion of the bill instead of the variable portion of the bill means that a consumer's efforts to save energy may not translate into a lower electric bill, which reduces the incentive to invest in energy efficiency or distributed generation, in which power is generated at the point of consumption rather than from a central location.

If Duke Energy wants to increase their basic facilities rate, then they should REDUCE the rate I pay per kilowatt-hour. We already pay some of the highest rates in the country ... I honestly don't see how this is justified! Also ... South Carolina is a relatively poor state where we rank 37th in income.

PLEASE do not allow this "basic facilities fee" increase!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

~Keith

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Keith R. Shambaugh

"Sometimes it's the very people who no one imagines anything of who do the things no one can imagine." – Christopher Morcom

"Be the change you want to see in the world." - Gandhi

"No man has a right in America to treat any other man "tolerantly" for tolerance is the assumption of superiority." - Wendell L. Willkie



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